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COPENHAGEN AND OTTAWA FOR REG. FISHATTS

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF US/BULGARIAN GIFA

REF: A) SOFIA 0659; B) SOFIA 0753

1. IN RESPONSE QUESTION OF PARA 2 REF. B, DEPARTMENT
WISHES TO CLARIFY THAT PERMITS OF INDIVIDUAL VESSELS ARE
GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR DURING PERIODS WHEN THE SEASON
IS OPEN FOR THE SPECIES TO BE CAUGHT. UNDER 611.550 OF
REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER, AND DELIVERED
TO BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY, FISHING FOR
HAKE IS PROHIBITED AFTER JUNE 30. ALTHOUGH THE INDIVIDUAL
VESSEL'S PERMIT MAY STILL BE VALID FOR OTHER SPECIES
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IF APPLICATION WAS MADE FOR THOSE SPECIES, NO FURTHER
FISHING FOR HAKE AFTER THAT DATE IS POSSIBLE.

2. NMFS REPORTS ITS ESTIMATE OF BULGARIAN CATCH DURING
MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AS FOLLOWS: 3610 MT
MACKEREL, 100 MT SILVER HAKE AND 30 MT HERRING. IF
ACTUAL BULGARIAN CATCH DURING PERIOD WAS LOWER THAN THESE

FIGURES, BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON SHOULD SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF CATCHES TO MR. BRUNO MOETZEL OF NMFS TO THE EXTENT THAT BULGARIAN MACKEREL CATCH WAS BELOW THEIR TOTAL ALLOCATION OF 4,000 MT, THEY WILL BE

PERMITTED TO CATCH THE BALANCE AFTER MACKEREL WINDOW OPENS AGAIN IN OCTOBER.

3. SOLUTION TO MARINE MAMMAL PERMIT PROBLEM WOULD BE TO HAVE ALL CAPTAINS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION APPLY FOR PERMITS. THESE PERMITS ARE ISSUED TO INDIVIDUALS NOT VESSELS, AND THE CAPTAINS SO DOCUMENTED COULD CHANGE VESSELS AND COME AND GO FROM THE FISHERY AS THE NEED ARISES.

4. "MAN ROPE" AND "SAFETY LINE" ARE INTERCHANGEABLE TERMS USED TO DESCRIBE A STURDY LINE CAPABLE OF HOLDING THREE MEN, WITH KNOTS EVERY ONE FOOT TO EIGHTEEN INCHES. THESE LINES ARE TO BE SUSPENDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BOARDING LADDER TO AID BOARDING PARTIES IN CLIMBING THE LADDER WHEN TRANSFERRING FROM A SMALL BOAT TO THE FISHING VESSEL.

5. KARAKADIEV'S POINT REGARDING US/CANADIAN INCONSISTENCY IN REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS IS WELL TAKEN. WE WILL BE TALKING TO CANADIANS WITHIN A WEEK, AND WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TOWARD AGREEMENT WITH THEM ON UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.

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